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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6321**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1185

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Indoor Air Quality.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lawson L

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Jackman

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill expands the program providing for indoor air quality inspections in schools to include state agencies. The bill specifies certain qualifications for persons conducting indoor air quality inspection programs. It provides that a representative from the Department of Administration shall serve on the Air Quality Panel. The bill also provides a 10% procurement price preference to Indiana businesses that offer to conduct indoor air quality inspection and evaluation programs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would require the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to conduct indoor air quality inspections in state agencies if the ISDH receives a complaint. The ISDH currently has statutory authority to make indoor air quality inspections of all public buildings and institutions that are occupied by an agency of state or local government. The ISDH is required under current law to conduct an air quality inspection and evaluation program for schools. State inspectors do initial inspections of new schools and school facilities such as dormitories; subsequent school inspections are performed if a complaint is filed.

The ISDH reported that two state-employed industrial hygienists are available to respond to complaints made by schools. (Industrial hygienists are included in the list of personnel qualified to conduct indoor air quality inspections provided in the bill.) The ISDH staff also respond to complaints received involving state property or agencies. The staff also provides education, training, consultation, and technical assistance to local health departments on a variety of environmental health issues. If a local health department requests help regarding a local indoor air quality complaint, the ISDH staff are available to assist. The ISDH reports that the program staff cannot recall a request for an air quality inspection that was denied.

The bill requires that the ISDH prepare an annual report describing the Air Quality Panel's actions. The resources required to prepare the report would depend on independent circumstances that may occur throughout any given year. The ISDH reported that the panel last met in August of 2004. The ISDH should be able to accomplish this requirement within the current level of resources available.

The 10% procurement price preference has a limited potential to result in some additional cost only to the extent that the Department of Health staff would be unable to perform the work, and that an Indiana business would bid on the work in competition with an out-of-state business.

The ISDH administrative appropriations were made from the General Fund and the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2008 and from the General Fund for FY 2009.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill requires that individuals conducting indoor air quality tests must have specified qualifications. Resources and staffing available to deal with indoor air quality issues at local departments of health are not known, although Marion County is reported to employ an industrial hygienist capable of conducting indoor air quality inspections. If a local health department requests help regarding a local indoor air quality complaint, the ISDH industrial hygienists are available to assist. It is not known if the specific professional credential requirements would affect local costs. The procurement price preference provision would only apply to an ISDH indoor air inspection program procurement for service, and would not affect local procurement bidding procedures.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH, Department of Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local health departments.

**Information Sources:** ISDH; IC 11-11-6-2 and IC 16-19-3-7.

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